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## Nickel-Silver Composition Shows Promise as Catalyst for $H_2-O_2$ Fuel Cells

In a continuing program of testing selected materials as catalysts for anodic oxidation of hydrogen in alkaline hydrogen-oxygen fuel cells, a carburized 3:1 Ni-Ag preparation was found to exhibit considerable catalytic activity. The uncarburized 3:1 Ni-Ag material showed only slightly less catalytic activity. The catalytic activity of the Ni-Ag materials tested, however, is not as high as that of the more costly and scarcer platinum black normally used in  $H_2-O_2$  fuel cells.

Since low cost and ready availability of catalytic materials are important factors in the development of  $H_2-O_2$  fuel cells for commercial use, further evaluation of the Ni-Ag materials with regard to various other properties (e.g., chemical and structural stability, long-term activity, and sensitivity to poisoning) would be warranted.

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